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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-15, 17 and 18 were originally present, and original claims 17 and 18 were renumbered as claims 16 and 17. Claims 1 and 5 are amended herein. Claims 2, 4, 7, 9, 12 and 16 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 18-24 are added.

Claims 1, 6, 11 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by FIG. 9 of the drawings. However, claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-14, 16 and 17 are indicated to be allowable if rewritten to independent form.

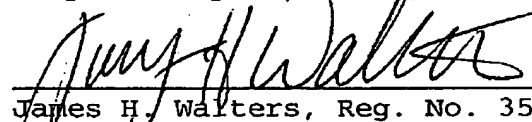
To further the prosecution, applicant amends claim 1 herein to incorporate claim 2 therein. Accordingly, claim 1 is now submitted to be allowable in view of the indication of the allowability of claim 2. Claims 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 13-17 are also then allowable.

New claims 18-24 are added and are also believed to be allowable.

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In light of the above noted amendments and remarks, this application is believed in condition for allowance and notice thereof is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,


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